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THE STORY OF UTAH'S CANYONS

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Dave Thacker relates that many years ago a Mr. Lewis from Ogden and a Pack photography outfit were going to Vernal to do some work. They had a house ten feet wide built on wheels to use for living and working purposes. They hired Dave Thacker to haul the outfit out there by team. He could only go a short distance, then stop to chop out willows in order to get through Daniels Canyon. Now this road is a fine oiled highway, part of highway 40. Cattle and sheep are trucked through to their summer ranges. At any time of the year the scenery is most beautiful and when one comes out onto the bench overlooking Heber Valley, the sight is awe inspiring, a magnificent green valley with the backdrop of the Wasatch Mountains. A fine recreational spot called Lodge-Pole Camp was constructed by the Forest Service near the head of the canyon many years ago and recently a park was made near Whiskey Springs at the lower end of the canyon, which is available to tourists and people of the valley.—Julia A. Anderson, Ethel D. Johnson

DAVIS COUNTY CANYONS

Among the many canyons in Davis County are *Ward Canyon*, *Holbrook Canyon*, *Mill Creek Canyon* and *North Canyon* located east of Bountiful.

According to Judge Holbrook's diary on October 15, 1854, Judge Holbrook, his son Lamon, and Judson Tolmon obtained a grant from the county court to build a sawmill in a canyon. This canyon was called Holbrook Canyon and lies east of Bountiful on Barton Creek. The Heber C. Kimball grist mill was built in 1853 in Mill Creek Canyon under the supervision of Bishop Frederick Kessler. It was dedicated by Heber C. Kimball. The machinery was installed by Appleton Harmon. Daniel Davis was one of the first men to operate the mill.

From the diary of D. A. Miller in 1849: "At the October conference, liberty was given to those who wished to locate on different canyon streams where good feed could be obtained for the stock, for there was little food in the parched valley."

At an early date, Jack Lewis built a home up Mill Creek Canyon. He planted fruit trees and raised a garden. He and his family lived there the year around. Anson Call did the same in Holbrook Canyon, but did not live there.

Between Ward and Holbrook Canyon there is a place called Hogsback. It is very steep but the early settlers used two-wheel running gears to go up the canyon to haul out the winter firewood. Judson Tolman had a shelter built on top where there was a flat place large enough for a garden. Going up was dangerous but coming down was worse. Big chains were used to tie the wheels to the logs and wood so the wheels could not turn around.

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